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Insurance Department Hosts Town Forums for Third Year; Public Encouraged to Speak Out on Insurance Concerns, Questions

FRANKFORT, Ky. - For the third consecutive year, the Kentucky Department of Insurance will host town forums in 12 communities statewide, beginning Aug. 5 in Owensboro and ending Oct. 25 in Northern Kentucky.

"With so many continuing concerns and questions about insurance, I want people to know that we're coming to them to listen, inform and, I hope, to help," Insurance Commissioner George Nichols III said.

Insurance 101 courses also will be offered from 1-4 p.m. on the day of the forums at the same locations to any interested member of the public. These classes offer helpful consumer tips on understanding and buying home and auto insurance and allow for specific questions on health insurance or your other insurance policies.

People attending the Insurance 101 classes are encouraged to attend all sessions or they can choose specific sessions as follows: Auto, 1-2 p.m.; Health, 2-3 p.m.; and Home, 3-4 p.m.

All 12 town forums begin at 7 p.m. as follows:

- Aug. 5: Owensboro, Rivermont Executive Inn, 1 Executive Boulevard, Texas Room.
- Aug. 23: Louisville, Holiday Inn-Louisville South Airport, 3317 Fern Valley Road, Pleasant Colony Room.
- Aug. 31: Bowling Green, Greenwood Executive Inn, 1000 Executive Way, Ballroom I.
- Sept. 7: Elizabethtown: Commonwealth Lodge, 708 E. Dixie, Hartland Room.
- Sept. 20: Hazard, Buckhorn Lake State Park, 4441 KY Highway 1833.
- Sept. 21: London, Days Inn, 2035 Highway 192 West.
- Oct. 11: Hopkinsville, Holiday Inn, 2910 Fort Campbell Blvd, Bluegrass Room.
- Oct. 14: Murray, Curris Student Center at Murray State University, Small Ballroom.
- Oct. 18: Richmond, Holiday Inn, 100 Eastern Bypass, Madison B Room.
- Oct. 19: Lexington, Springs Inn, 2020 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington Room.
- Oct. 21: Ashland, Greenbo State Park.
- Oct. 25: Northern Kentucky, Holiday Inn, 2180 Dixie Highway, Fort Mitchell, Cannon Rifle Room.

"The forums focus on the most frequently heard concerns from the public, sometimes specific to that community," Nichols said. "My senior staff is at these forums to make sure we're addressing the issues through education, investigation or legislation.

The public is invited to log on to our web site at insurance.ky.gov or call our consumer hotline at (800) 595-6053 for more information about the department, the forums or Insurance 101.